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## INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL

15 AUG 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Senior Interagency Group (I)

FROM: John L. Helgerson  
Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

SUBJECT: Draft National Intelligence Topics (NITs) for Fiscal Year  
1987 [ ]

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REFERENCE: DDCI Memorandum, "Formulation of New National Intelligence  
Topics of Current Interest (NITs) for FY 1987," dated  
22 April 1986

1. In response to the reference, some [ ] topics and/or subtopics have  
been submitted for inclusion in the National Intelligence Topics (NITs) of  
Current Interest for Fiscal Year 1987. During its review of this material,  
the IPC Staff consolidated the responses into a draft set of twenty-eight NITs  
with 551 sub- and sub-subelements [ ] Please review the draft and  
provide written comments by 29 August. Thereafter the IPC Staff will revise  
the draft, and the DDCI will schedule a SIG(I) Committee meeting for formal  
approval of the final FY 1987 NITs document. [ ]

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2. The submissions generally reaffirmed last year's NITs and added numer-  
ous new subelements [ ] increase over the FY 1986 NITs). The  
length and the large number of subelements in the inputs are of concern par-  
ticularly since there is a continuing general belief that the NITs should  
focus on key problems and issues for a twelve-month period and the list of NIT  
subtopics be limited in number (e.g., at least no greater than in previous NIT  
documents. [ ]

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3. In keeping with the "spirit" of the SIG(I) Committee agreement on the  
scope and length of the NITs, the IPC Staff, during its review of the sub-  
missions, made some effort to consolidate and generalize the language. There-  
fore, you may find the entry [ ] reworded or slightly modified from your  
submission in order to capture the flavor and concerns reflected in several  
inputs on the same subject matter. Only a few submissions were not included  
in the draft NITs. Comments on the actions taken in preparing the draft NITs  
are attached at Tab B. [ ]

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4. Please conduct an intense review of the draft with the goal of limiting the NITs and subelements to those likely to be truly critical to the policymakers in 1987

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